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BOERNE BUSINESSMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL ARSON CHARGE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that this afternoon, 39-year-old Joseph Raye Stasny of Boerne, Texas, pleaded guilty to one count of arson. As a result, Stasny faces between five and 20 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge Nancy Stein Nowak in San Antonio, Stasny admitted that on September 5, 2007, he intentionally set fire to his restaurant, "Papa Dawggz," located at 1022 North Main Street, in an effort to collect insurance proceeds. Stasny remains on bond. Sentencing has yet to be scheduled.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives together with the Boerne Fire Marshal's Office, the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office and the Boerne Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney David Counts is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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